Records in Respect of Places of Worship

65. Smt. SUMATI B. MADIMAN (Dharwar Rural).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state : -

(*a*) whether the Government has in its possession any records to show the number of places of worship (*viz.*, Mosques, temples and graveyards etc.,) in the State and where they are situated ;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that such places of worship are springing in prominent places and localities spcially along-side the highways ;

(*c*) whether permission has been granted for their construction in such places ?

Sri N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) The Department of Endowments has got a list of such of the religious and charitable institutions as have been granted either lands or cash annuties by Government or are governed by the Bombay Public Trust Act in Belgaum Division and by the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act in South Kanara and Bellary Districts and Kollegal Taluk.

(*b*, and (*c*) There are no separate rules for regulating the construction of places of worship. The rules applicable to other structures are applicable to places of worship also.

Lifting of Electricity Cut mposed on Industry

73. Sri A. D. BILIGOWDA (Maddur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

whether the Government propose to lift the 75% electricity consumption ceiling imposed on essential industrial concerns like Cement Factories etc , so that, they may meet the consumers normal demands ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

some relaxation in the restrictions on consumption of power has been made in ths case of Cement Factories which have agreed to make available additional quantum of cement to the State.